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1. SUMMARY: ON APR 25 EMBOFF DISCUSSED INFO IN REFTELS AND LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE WITH ZAIRIAN DEPT OF COMMERCE COUNSELOR MUYA TMBA. MUYA TUMBA THANKED EMBASSY FOR INFO SINCE HE HAS HAD NO FEEDBACK FROM HIS OWN DELEGATION, BUT REQUESTED FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF US REQUEST TO ELIMINATE PRESHPMENT INSPECTIONS. GIVEN POOR COORDINATION BETWEEN GOZ AND ITS GENEVA DELEGATION AND OTHER COMMITMENTS OF RESPONSIBLE GOZ OFFICIALS WORKING ON THE ISSUE, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES ZAIRIAN SUBMISSION OF OFFERS WILL BE DELAYED. END SUMMARY

2. EMBOFF MET WITH MUYA TUMBA, COUNSELOR IN THE ZAIRIAN DEPT OF COMMERCE AND HEAD OF THE GOZ WORKING GROUP ON THE MTN, TO DISCUSSS STATUS OF THE US/ZAIRIAN BILATERAL. EMBOFF ALSO PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE ABOUT US OFFERS AND REQUESTS AS WELL AS US MTN OBJECTIVES, WHICH DREW FROM REFTELS. MUYA TUMBA SAID HE APPRECIATED INFO BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD NOTHING ABOUT BILATERAL FROM ZAIRIAN DELEGATION IN GENEVA AND DID NOT KNOW WHAT REQUESTS ZAIRE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD SUBMITTED TO THE US. EMBOFF PROVIDED HIM WITH SEPARATE LIST OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR WHICH ZAIRIAN DEL HAS REQUESTED ELIMINATION OF AMERICAN TARIFFS AND LIST OF SEVEN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS ON WHICH ZAIRIAN DEL REQUESTED IMPROVEMENT OF OFFERS. REF A ONLY ITEMIZES FIVE OF THE SIX AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

3. MUYA TUMBA EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT US DEL HAD REQUESTED

ELIMINATION OF PRESHPMENT INSPECTION FOR QUALITY, QUANTITY AND PRICE AND REQUESTED CLARIFICATION. FROM ZAIRE'S POINT OF VIEW, PRESHPMENT INSPECTION FACILITATES TRADE BY REDUCING TRADE COMPLAINTS AND SHIPPING MISTAKES. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CABLE BACKGROUND INFO TO BOLSTER ARGUMENTS FOR THIS REQUEST.

4. MUYA TUMBA STATED THAT MTN WORKING GROUP CANNOT PREPARE ZAIRIAN OFFER LIST UNTIL IT RECEIVES MORE INFO FROM ITS GENEVA REPS CONCERNING OTHER OFFERS AND REQUESTS. IN ADDITION, MUYA TUMBA DEPARTS END OF APRIL FOR TWO-WEEK UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA MEETING IN KHARTOUM. HOWEVER, ZAIRIAN AMB TO GENEVA IS IN KINSHASA AND MUYA TUMBA SAID HE WOULD TRY TO CONFER WITH HIM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

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